



Lesson 1: Student Sheet

Group Presentation Follow-Along Questions

Group #1: Swift Fox Habitat

1. What is the typical landscape and habitat for swift fox ?
2. What types of climate?
3. What is the weather like in this climate?
4. Have populations of swift fox always been the same? How have they changed?

Group #2: Swift Fox Appearance

1. Describe the color of the fox. Is it any different among males or females?
2. What is the average adult size of a swift fox? Do the genders differ in size?
3. We know that an animal's adaptations usually help them survive in a particular environment. What is special about the traits below that help the swift fox survive?
 - Eye placement on skull?
 - Ear set?
 - Teeth size and shape?
 - Paws and claws?

Group #3: Swift Fox Food

1. We know about predators and prey, which would best describe the swift fox?
2. What do they eat? Is it different during different seasons?
3. Are there any problems with food availability?
4. How is the swift fox physically designed for obtaining food?

Group #4: Swift Fox Lifestyle

1. What is the typical lifespan of a swift fox in the wild?
2. Do swift foxes mate for life or do they form new pairs each breeding season?
3. Describe a typical den.
4. What is the average number of offspring per litter?

Group #5: Enemies and Threats

1. List any natural threats or enemies to the swift fox
2. List any human or manmade threats past or present to the swift fox
3. Does the swift fox's habitat overlap with any other species that might pose a threat?

Group #6: The National Park Service and Badlands National Park

1. What is the National Park Service?
2. Where is Badlands National Park?
3. What is a key feature of Badlands National Park?
4. What other groups of people inhabit the area near Badlands National Park that might affect or be affected by the swift fox?
5. Are there any other organizations that are working to help protect the swift fox besides the National Park Service?



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Group #7: Native American Tribes and the Swift Fox

1. What are the names of the Native American Tribes located near Badlands National Park?
2. Is there any importance placed on the badlands in Native American Culture?
3. What influence does the fox have in Native American Culture?
4. What is the Lakota name for the swift fox?

Group #8: Put Some Perspective on the Species

1. Where are swift fox located currently?
2. Biologically speaking, why would we want to reintroduce the swift fox?
3. Socially and aesthetically, why would we want to reintroduce the swift fox?
4. What is the idea of the Endangered Species Act?
5. What do these terms mean:
 - Endangered Species:
 - Threatened:
 - Listed:
 - Extinct:
 - Extirpated:
 - Translocation: